

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
U.S. Application No. (Not yet assigned)  
Divisional of Application No. 09/302,999

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core filament is smaller than the diameter of the sheath filaments, the above structure has drawbacks in that gaps between sheath filaments are small to make the penetration of rubber difficult, that the effect obtained by the wavy shape decreases due to decreased rigidity of the core filament and that the strength decreases when the core filament is shaped to a larger degree to improve penetration of rubber.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**


**Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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